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Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for your reply of 20 February concerning the re-examination of the JFK autopsy material. If I may, I have several other questions on the topic which I would like to pose to you.

Since receiving your letter, I have examined a 35MM color slide which was taken of the Presidential limousine at the time the first shot was heard. This picture reveals no wrinkles or folds to be present on the back of the President's coat nor is his coat raised in any manner. I have noticed that with my own coats (with mark to indicate the proper location of the bullet hole) the entry hole in the back can not be raised to the base of the neck unless the arms are raised over the head. Also, with the shirt being anchored at the waist by the trouser and belt, there is virtually no shifting of the point of entry, in relation to the physical wound. This would seem to indicate that the President's wound must have been located futher down the back but you say it is at the base of the neck. Would you know of any anatomical or skeletal explanation for this phenomena?

The second thing I wanted to ask about was the neck wound. If the missle entered just to the right of the spinal column and exited in the mid-line of the anterior neck, how could it fail to contact part of the bone structure within? It would have to be on a very broad angle laterally wouldn't it? Another question that arises is how this missle which exited to the left center of the anterior neck, could then have struck Govenor Connally at the right armpit, when he was seated directly infront of the President. If you could offer any opinions they would be most welcome.

Very truly yours,